

# OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

*A Bureau of the Washington State Patrol*

## Conducting Fireworks Education/Enforcement Campaign

### 1. Convene a Work Group/Committee:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief/ Fire Marshal        | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police/Sheriff                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Information Officer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Representatives                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire/Police Prevention Educator | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Injury Prevention Programs              |

### 2. Develop an Educational Campaign -- Actions to Consider

- ☐ Educational Materials – Create flyers, posters, banners and signs with safety tips and/or fireworks laws.
- ☐ Letters to the Community – Informing them of the campaign, new or existing laws and requirements.
- ☐ Webpage – Include campaign information, public display information, link to State Fire Marshal site.
- ☐ Newspaper, Television and Radio Media – Provide media releases, interviews, statistical information, and public display information.
- ☐ Presentations – Present to City Council, homeowner associations, or apartment owner organizations.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Develop an Enforcement Campaign -- Actions to Consider

- ☐ Write a new or amend an existing ordinance. -- Increase fines, or restrict dates and times for sales, purchase and discharge of fireworks.
- ☐ Provide Training – Train response personnel in fireworks/illegal explosive device recognition and procedures for safe confiscation/seizure, transportation and storage of fireworks.
- ☐ Conduct Patrols – Map responses to develop target areas and set up patrols consisting of Police, Fire, reservists or volunteers.
- ☐ Set up ATF Sting Operations -- To locate/eradicate federally illegal fireworks sources.
- ☐ Write civil infractions or citations and confiscate fireworks – Create a streamlined form or process to increase ease, timeliness and prosecution. Follow procedures for safe confiscation/seizure of fireworks.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Evaluate the Outcome

Before	After
_____ Injuries – Fire Dept. response to	_____ Injuries – Fire Dept. response to
_____ Fires – Fire Dept. response to	_____ Fires – Fire Dept. response to
_____ Fireworks complaints received -- Police	_____ Fireworks complaints received -- Police
_____ Fireworks related responses -- Police	_____ Fireworks related responses -- Police
_____ Confiscations/Seizures	_____ Confiscations/Seizures
_____ Civil Infractions Written	_____ Civil Infractions Written
_____ Citations Written	_____ Citations Written
_____ Fines --Total Amount	_____ Fines -- Total Amount
_____ Other:_____	_____ Other:_____